(IV) Vocationalisation of Secondary Education (V.E.)

(Rupees in lakhs)

	State Government	NGOs
1995-96	35.24	0.42
1996-97	—	0.42
1997-98	14.00	1.50
1998-99	—	1.29
TOTAL	49.24	2.63

Draft National Policy for Empowerment of Women

2899. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the Draft National Policy for empowerment of women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States included in the 50 million dollar project for rural women's development and empowerment;

(d) whether the State of Punjab has not been included in the said project; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) A draft National Policy for the Empowerment of Women has been finalised and is awaiting approval of the Government.

(c) The proposed Rural Women's Development and Empowerment Project (RWDEP) covers certain areas in the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

(d) and (e) The six states selected are a good mix of states Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh with very low status of women and states (Gujarat and Karnataka) which are comparatively better off.

Bring Different Languages near Hindi

2900. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of Human RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what work has been done in the last one decade to bring different languages in the country nearer to Hindi;

(b) how many bilingual and trilingual books have been brought out during the same period; and

(c) what are the plans of the Ministry in the next year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Various agencies of the Government are engaged in the promotion and development of all Indian languages included in the 8th Schedule of Constitution of India. The Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi has published bilingual and trilingual dictionaries and conversational guides in Hindi and other Indian languages. Similarly, the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, New Delhi has published 18 Pan Indian glossaries on different subjects in which more than 20,000 technical terms have been coined from different Indian languages with their Hindi equivalents to facilitate interlingual communication and exchange of scientific